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The Value of the Extra Session.

the same thing. There is a good deal of less details upon an affection which manifluttering, as was to be expected.

But fortunately for the party in power The matter could not altogether be kept papers." there will be about eighteen months for from him, and he chafed under the unthe fluttering to die down. The next con- feeling treatment of his enemies. when Congress meets in regular session. for the fakers to hurry them off. By that time any deficiency in the revenue-raising character of the new law will stand revealed, and such deficiency may be remedied by some special tax not fluenced by the rattle and bang of stump | Washington.

bill stood, as the Payne bill now stands, says: under charges of discriminating against everywhere were profoundly stirred. They then set in motion was still running, a democratic President was elected.

the polls on the Gorman-Wilson bill within out of sheer slovenliness scatter fruit den; all are fully described and highly three months of its enactment into law. and while their party was still in the the public streets. It is a common remark summer would leave the President not a is one that should be fully and fairly that New York in this respect is going summer would leave the President not a is one that should be fully and fairly throes of the internecine row which the backward. Yet an arrest would cause a penny for the remainder of the year. He discussed and then left to stand or fall repeal of the purchasing clause of the sensation. Probably many of the persons may take one of them. and have held that ever since-twelve years running.

The Payne bill is certain of some changes in the House, of others in the Senate, and of others still in conference. But whatever is produced will be a republican measure, and that party is to be congratulated on the length of time it torate records its judgment at the polls.

chamber of deputies and the loss of prevaluable papers in non-fire-resistant buildings, and perhaps also of the unwisthis class of buildings. The Mexican Herald of March 24 says:

"The value of the building, which originally cost \$156,000, was small compared with that of the documents which were consumed, including the original constitutions which formed the basis of Mexican independence as well as the reforms instituted by Benemerito Juarez. 'Among the greatest losses to Mexico

were those of the original constitution of state archives in that city; the act of inand the constitution of 1857, under which the latter day reforms were inaugurated. as well as the signatures of the heroes of

In the matter of storing rare documents its riches and practical sense, and all tolerated. that, is a notorious offender. Right here could not be duplicated are kept in com-

Fire losses in the United States due to flimsy construction are appalling, and of often as that is also desirable. In some late many writers have been calling the cities the annual spring clean-up has be- tician's son replied: attention of the public to this subject. come a municipal habit. Its formation The destruction of historic records by fire would be good for New Haven." in the United States has been especially | The New Haven Journal-Courier says: grievous. Here in the Potomac valley tons of priceless papers allowed to lie in frail churches and courthouses have gone up in smoke

Americans in many ways are a heedless people.

cheers or compliments. The era of regu- the great event." lations as to numbers and speed limits for flying machines is still before them.

An Indian with such a name as "Crazy Snake" would bear watching on general principles.

The Celebrity Killer.

A celebrity pays dearly for his whistle And yet whistles are forever in demand. Wits, and parodists, and sensationalists all take their fling at the man in the publie eye, hanging stories on him, quoting him for sentiments quite foreign to his convictions, and even taking his life now and then-when in the humor to indulge in "murder as a fine art."

This last feature of a celebrity's experience cannot be agreeable, although it is common. Rumor will take off a sovereign at times for effect on the stock mar- nity in which it is printed and has its ket. It will take off a candidate for high being: office early on election day in the hope a sensitive man merely to give him a

late. Ten days ago he took off Vice of persons whom they meet and places And with audacious fascination President Sherman while the latter was on a business visit home. Apoplexy was with every arrival of the local paper.

If you observe it for a minute

was in perfect health. He received the it is today." news with great good nature, and when

equal wit, "Until after the funeral." since, within a fortnight. But as he is to it-in time. an old target he may not now mind very He was filling a small place in one of Family Circulation much more than the would be a great loss both to his kingdom there until ambition had lured him to combined circulation of the other Wash- and the world at large. He is a powerful Washington. Here he had met an old

has been out of the public eye for some quite cosmopolitan. The other man was years but is still well remembered, was still under the old home spell, and unrouted out of bed at a late hour to listen ashamed of his provincialism. Sometimes to a story that he had died suddenly. he talked of going back to "the old Knowing no reason for such a yarn, he stamping ground" and fighting out the could only wonder as to its source and battle of life where he had first put on object. He is probably still wondering. | the armor. soned politicians have been known to be ton?" incensed and oppressed by it. Mr. Blaine The wisdom and the good politics of was such a man. He was always ex- doesn't suit me." this extra session of Congress in an off tremely sensitive about his health and apyear for dealing with the tariff question pearance, and after his health began to are very plain now. It was inevitable that decline a solicitous expression on the face in 'em." a great dust should be kicked up by the of an old friend would almost send him new bill. That could not have been avoid- to bed. Some of the irritability of Emed. Any bill would have produced the peror William was ascribed a few years little after daylight, and the Philadelphia are quite competent to watch the officers, result. The bird that is hit flutters. The ago to the brutality of the Parisian press, and the New York papers are laid on the industry affected by tariff revision does which at that time enlarged with heart-

gressional elections will not take place The only compensation for those thus until November of next year. The new attacked is the reflection that they still tariff law, therefore, will have a full, fair count in affairs. The never-have-beens day in court before a verdict is rendered. and the have-beens are not game for And again. The work of this session sport of this kind. They die in their own not a line in any of 'em from or about will have been on trial about six months good time, so to say. There is no object

Clean-Up Campaigns.

that by the early fall of next year the anti-litter campaign being carried on by voters, and they can vote on it, not as in- all citizens who feel any interest in

appeals, but by knowledge gained from The resolution adopted by the club and presented to the District Commis-How different it all might be if elec- sioners yesterday recite some obvious tion day were next November! Then facts. The capital's streets ought to be

The republicans were forced to a trial at | The New York World voices complaint the polls on the McKinley bill when the against the condition of New York streets ink on the measure was hardly dry. That and criticizes the police department. It

household expenses, and the women sanitary superintendent, stated to the students of the College of Physicians and ants. They are scattered all over New summation. We have also found many received the credit, indeed, of electing the refuse on the street are virtually a dead tain tops, and all have golf links. It is In most cases, however, their objections democratic House chosen in November, letter. The police make no effort to en- the real estate agents' prime opportunity. 1890. And two years later, while the tide force them, and no one makes any effort Old mansions, new mansions; extensive to discover why. For the negligence of the police department there is no excuse. The democrats were forced to a trial at of them presumably self-respecting, who grounds with or without a vegetable garskins, loose papers and other trash over Sherman act and the tariff question had who make the street a convenient dumpcaused. Union of effort was impossible. ing-ground for banana skins and bits of As the result, the republicans carried the paper would be the first to complain about filthy streets and the street clean-House that year, and have been in posses- ing department if similar conditions exsion ever since-fifteen years running-and isted in front of their homes. Public two years later captured the presidency, cleanliness and public health are so little regarded. There can never be enough sweepers to keep the streets clean if the people of the city insist upon keeping them filthy."

Philadelphia has its litter problem, and the Press of that city says:

finds that the streets of the city are in a pretty clean condition, and concludes that will have for explanation before the elec- the contractors have done their work well. The conclusion is in the main correct. The carelessness of some people in throw-Historic Papers in Flimsy Buildings. noying, however, and the mayor would The destruction by fire of the Mexican like to find a way to stop it. This has long been one of the difficulties about clous documents gives to the world an- they have been clean otherwise they have keeping the streets presentable. When cult to shake off an old habit. other lesson of the danger of keeping often been littered with waste paper. It is not the peculiarity of one section. dom of permitting the construction of as if nearly everybody made it a practice deal of idle curiosity. is an act of the legislature on this subject which might help the mayor out some in his effort to keep the city beauti- crop on record. This is a hard year for ful. That act was passed in 1905 and makes it unlawful for any person to throw waste paper, sweepings, ashes, household waste or rubbish of any kind into any street in any city, borough or township of this commonwealth."

Spring cleaning editorials are cropping up in many papers. Each spring the 1811, which was signed at Chilpancingo newspapers using this kind of matter become more numerous. This is one phase dependence, signed in 1621 when Iturbide of the development of the sense of civic entered Mexico; the constitution of 1824 order and of city beauty. Spring cleaning for a city is a good thing; it sets the people to thinking about the subject, and Mexican independence and Mexican his- finally urges them to the practice. Spring cleaning will eventually be followed by summer, autumn and winter cleaning. in filmsy buildings, Mexico is not the sole and thus may be formed the habit of offender. The United States, with its boast keeping the city clean at all times. When of thrift, progressiveness and foresight, a city once gets this habit dirt will not be of rules," said the statesman.

New Haven has a big spring cleaning thinking of something else. "But that in Washington government records that campaign under way. The Register of sort of a case is easily handled when that city says: "The agitation for another the umpire knows his business." bustible structures. Unless this penny- general Easter clean-up of the less conwise policy shall be abandoned it requires spicuous but hardly less important spots no keen sense of prophecy to foretell that in this city, such as back yards and vasome day or some night the nation will cant lots, is highly desirable. Houseevery year, and back-yard cleaning as famous?"

'A fortnight ago in these columns we asked if a second 'sweep-clean' campaign could not be organized this year before Easter Sunday. The public spirited gentlemen of the Civic Federation almost immediately showed their gameness by heartily answering in the affirmative and The Wright brothers are reveling in announcing their preliminary plans for

With a large number of outlying cities enthusiastic in the matter of spring cleanups Washington should not lag behind.

Castro says he will await events. And the chances are that if the events do not suit him he will manufacture some of his own.

Possibly Mr. Harriman is a little hurt at seeing that African expedition carried wealth?" on without giving any one a chance to collect railway fares.

Cuba is undoubtedly well meaning, but he's on the inside." naturally restless.

The Home Paper.

Here is a gentle adjuration addressed by a country newspaper to the commu-

"Give your children an away-from-home A riot of effects fantastic of influencing the vote. It will take off paper which contains not one word about Are woven through its shape elastic, any person, place or thing they ever saw, or, perhaps, ever heard of, and how can And yet it seems, as first asserted, The celebrity killer has been busy of let them have the home paper, and read

ble was chosen probably because of Mr. those children will read them all their those children will read them all their lives and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors and Sherman's high color and good keeping. lives and become intelligent men and As a matter of fact, the Vice President strong in the knowledge of the world as

This is good advice. Bring up a child asked how long his stay in Utica would with a newspaper in which it should be be, replied in Mark Twain's vein and with most interested, and when it is grown it will demand, and relish, not only the King Edward is on the continent for home paper, but the "away-from-home rest and pleasure, and has been killed paper." Seek first the home industry, and once, and twice stricken with paralysis all other printed industries will be added

much. He is not as young as he was, but the government departments. Shady has not ordered his coffin. It is unnec- Grove in one of the middle states was the essary to say that his death at this time place of his birth, and he had resided friend, who having knocked about the Night before last John G. Carlisle, who world a little has begun to feel himself

It is not every man who can bear this | Said the cosmopolitan to the homesick sort of thing philosophically. Even sea- provincial: "How do you like Washing-

> "Don't like it. Pretty place, but it "How do you like our newspapers?"

"Don't like 'em. I can't get interested "Well, you needn't confine yourself to

breakfast table." fested itself in one of the kaiser's ears.

> em from London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Rome, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, and even from Je-ru-sa-lem, but

Shady Grove." It was the ruling passion strong in Washington. He had been "raised" on the Shady Grove Herald. His heart was Georgetown fifty years ago, but de- help her in the future, namely, that her Washington's agitation for clean streets still at home. Editor Simpkins was still touching general business interests. So is always more or less active. In the man for his money. He liked the Simpkins style of serving up events, and years that the two municipalities were new tariff work of the republicans will the Twentieth Century Club the ladies of new tarin work of the republicans will the I wentleth Century Club the ladies of to Mr. Simpkins, thus able to interest a the following paragraph in the Georgereader so as to hold him against all com- town correspondence:

> netition. In time, of course, the provincial's interests broadened. He found pleasure in pose of considering the question of anthe news from other points. Even that nexation to Washington. As this meeting press is re-echoed by the entire press of from far-away Je-ru-sa-lem must have was merely preliminary, nothing further detained him. But all honor to him if was done than to exchange opinions as of foreign affairs with violence and de-

The President's Summer Home.

The number of President Taft's summer homes will presently equal the num-"Everybody knows, as Dr. Bensel, city ber of George Washington's body serv-Surgeons, that the laws against throwing England, front the sea, perch on moun- who are decidedly hostile to the measure. grounds, snug grounds; grounds with their own interests. The question is evi-Neither is there for those persons, most orchards, grounds without orchards; dently a very grave one, so far as the the public streets. It is a common remark praised. Their combined rent price for the traneous questions of no importance. It

> It has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated that anybody who thinks he can carry out a kidnaping scheme is merely sending out invitations to the fool killer.

> W. J. Bryan is quoted as saying that he is growing younger every day. This is in line with some of the other mathematical theories he has advanced.

> It is declared that there is no such equally bad.

In preparing his reminiscences Senator

Delaware is to have the biggest peach the failure prophets.

The suffragettes are determined to at least make the proceedings of parliament more interesting.

his economies.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Firmness Required.

"Yes." answered the man who was Fire

Answered.

cleaning needs to be done at least once was the discovery that made Columbus And after a moment's thought the poll-

"The Ohio legislature!"

The tariff is a topic warm; Its fate there's no deciding. With bills to lead it to reform

And amendments for backsliding!

Business.

"Why don't you write something that will live?" asked the critical friend. "Don't display your ignorance," replied the self-satisfied author. "Don't you From the Birmingham Ledger. know that most of the works that lived worst sellers?"

A Guess. "Which side is your member of Congress on in this attack on corporate

"Well," answered Farmer Corntossel, 'I haven't heard him say much one way or another; but I reckon that as usual

money.

himself.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

poised, awaiting the outcome of the tariff

to come out for woman suffrage to square

Chairman Payne of the ways and means

deuce any woman wants the suffrage for.

posed by the Chicago foot?

From the Providence Bulletin.

From the Rochester Herald.

From the Chicago News.

From the St. Joseph Gazette.

I fragettes may as well give up.

hosiery dispute.

A Hat.

Describe her hat? Well, since you ask it. It most resembles a peach basket! Left in a garden where the flowers Forsook for it their choicest bowers.

given as the cause of death. The trou- "Thus a habit of reading is formed, and If you observe it for a minute

IN THE STAR.

frequent in this city half a century ago. buildings being fired almost nightly. In The Star of March 28, 1859, is Again. the following news item telling of the latest occurrence of this character.

"Another incendiary bonfire lit up the

seventh ward Saturday night. Between 8 and 9 o'clock a frame building belonging to the estate of William Bird and occupied by Cassell & West as a feed depository, was fired and consumed, giving barely time to save a horse from the flames. But for the strenuous efforts of the firemen the row of large frame houses in the neighborhood must have shared the same fate. Near about the same time an attempt was made to fire two frame houses in the same neighborhood. Under these circumstances the citizens of the seventn ward, in despair of any aid from the constituted authorities, may well look about them for the means of self-protection. The police force as at present uniformed is not calculated for the detection of these incendiary villains. Inthem. The Baltimore papers get in a stead of the officers watching them, they dress. We should suppose that a portion of the powers declared that her rights "I read them, but I don't see that they of the present police force, which appears had not been violated by the annexation are any improvement on the Washington to be too unwieldy for active duty, could be advantageously employed in citizens' "Why, you are hard to please. All the dress, and that the city authorities can relations with Austria-Hungary; that she papers I've named are great collectors of quite as legitimately offer rewards for the detection of the destroyers of poor men's frame homes as of rich men's tall bricks. In justice to the authorities we should add that they are actively engaged in making excuses for doing nothing."

Many residents of Georgetown were strongly in favor of the annexation of that city to Washington Annexation.

"A meeting of our most substantial citithere would be a temptation for the minority, especially in the Senate, to delay action, hold the republicans off until about August, and thus force them to trial at the polls before the country had time to the polls before the country had time to the municipal authorities in a models of good civic housekeeping. Sometimes they are, sometimes they are not.

Complaint against street litter is quite general among American cities, and in some European cities this subject is dealt with the latest to the importance of the measure, and the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the matter properly before the consummation. A committee was appointed to prepare until he preparedness for war, obliged Russia to with by the municipal authorities in a consummation.

The polls before the country had time to with by the municipal authorities in a consummation. A committee was appointed to prepare until he had devoured its contents.

The present moment: Germany is to the importance of the measure, and the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the matter properly before the situation, her total unsome European cities this subject is dealt when the preparedness for war, obliged Russia to rivals whom she had first lulled our citizens favorable to the project. In the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to bring the most suitable steps necessary to be taken to be the most suitable steps necessary to be taken opinions have changed in regard to the matter, and are now in favor of its consavored very strongly of partisan spirit. They seem to think that it is a favorite scheme of some political party to advance future of Georgetown is concerned, and in our opinion of too much importance to admit of being mixed up with ex-

> Washington's accommodations for the entertainment of transients were first class half a century ago, Transient concerned, but it was dif-Residents. ficult for people who desired to remain several months to find dwellings for lease for such periods. In The Star of April 2, 1859, is an extract from the Newport, R. I., News noting the renting of numerous cottages and mansions in that city for the summer season. thing as a Black Hand Society. In that The Star was moved thus to comment case there is undoubtedly something upon the lost opportunities to add to the local population:

upon its own merits."

"Why would it not be a good speculasir. Roosevelt has been shaking hands tion for Washington capitalists to put up with everybody on shipboard. It is diffi- buildings to accommodate the hundreds who come hither to participate in the gayeties of which this metropolis is the scene during our season? Our season is More or less the whole city is affected. Platt refrained from encouraging a great a great deal longer than that of Newport, for it commences generally several days prior to the annual sessions of Congress and continues to the close, whether be immediately constructed does not guarthe session be a long or a short one. It is, in fact, the fashionable winter resort pire. for the people of the entire country and their winters if they could obtain private residences where their domestic affairs bear a share, in common with Russia, would be under their own control. Again, by having such residences for the accommodation of visitors, many of those whose visits now continue but for a few Tariff legislation will at least afford weeks only would most probably remain the consumer the interest of rearranging throughout the entire session of Congress, and very likely, especially where the session is a long one, many would continue with us during the entire year. Numbers might also thus be led to become permanent residents who, under existing circumstances, would never think of making this their permanent abode.'

> Fire bells have generally passed out of "There has been considerable discussion use in American cities, but half a century ago they were clamorously in evidence. -n The Star of April 2, 1859, Bell. is a paragraph which will doubtless remind the elder citizens of the old days when they "ran to the fires"

"Yesterday afternoon the booming of a "Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "what strange fire bell caused some little sensation and inquiry. The Perseverance Fire Company lost their alarm bell by the fire which burned their engine house several years since and have had a new bell cast from the old metal, with the addition of two or three hundred pounds of to be equal or superior in tone to the old bell. It was cast at East Medway, Mass., by G. Holbrook, who was also the maker of the old bell. The president of the company stated yesterday that as alarm bells frequently became to be nuisances in a city he intended to ask the chief of police to order the arrest of any person who may ring the alarm bell without reasonable cause.

From the Chicago Tribune. LADIES AND THE TARIFF.

If the women once get after it they'll were originally accounted among the surely make it look like an open-work From the Birmingham Age-Herald. stocking schedule before they get through stop at Colon From the Concord Monitor.

From the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. Increase the tariff on hosiery? Nit, Castro is going back to Venezuela to say the women of the country. From the Newark Star. Increased tariff on pins will, of course, From the Omaha Bee make her demand an increase of pin

Castro declares that providence is callbe planning to have Castro get his. But how about the legend that the severest tax upon the stocking is that im-From the Birmingham Ledger.

Castro may even be fool enough to go to Venezuela. We can think of no man we would more willingly see make a Grandmother's knitting needles stand martyr of himself on the altar of folly. From the Philadelphia Ledger. If Venezuela cannot devise an effective

should act as his own press agent committee is now wondering what the From the Detroit Fice Press. Castro wili probably find that there is no place quite so hot as home.

From the Kansas City Times. where they may get the ballot the suf- astute of the statesmen that Castro must | Oklahoma may soon be like Ireland, land somewhere.

PEACE WITH DISHONOR.

cost her dearly. M. Isvolsky protested penses commenced to weigh heavily upon

national existence

Germany's

The political duel between Russia Germany's attitude, although the latter's is entirely independent of England. The England, France and Italy on the one essential thing is that England should part, and Austria-Hungary and Germany on the other, has ended, for the moment thing was most reassuring as to proat least, in peace, but peace with dis- spective peace he would say that the honor. Servia protested against the an- naval expenses of Germany have a nexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by maintains hers. Austria, because a menace to her na-Germany has given England the verbal tional existence. Russia, England, France assurance that she did not expect to exand Italy protested because the annexa- ceed her naval constructions and that tion was a distinct violation of the treaty she would possess but thirteen Dreadnoughts at the end of 1912. The British of Berlin, of which the parties of the government had accepted these assurfirst part and second part were cosignaances, but was informed some time after that four other ships would be ready for

Russia voluntarily, or involuntarily, was the scapegoat of the situation. She had committed herself under former Russian necessitate the changes in the British Russia the ministers to Austria, and Scapegoat. the fault committed has cluded by declaring that military ex-

tories.

first of all against Austria Hungary's civilized nations and would provoke soonviolation of the treaty of Berlin, and er or later, general bankruptcy. But suddenly, apparently without reason or intimation to his associates, he recognized struggle lest she should endanger her the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina. ultimo announced that the Servian minister submitted to Foreign Minister Baron Aehrenthal a note from his government, the vote being 353 for and 135 against. of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary; that she would no longer protest; that she would maintain peaceful would discharge the reservists and volunteers, and would not permit the formation of irregular troops or bands. The note had been prepared at the and was submitted with the object of terminating all misunderstandings between Austria-Hungary and Servia. Subthe Austria-Hungarian foreign office approved the Servian note and the longdrawn-out crisis was declared at an end. Servia has one consolation which may spite their efforts to this humiliation is shared in a greater degree, end it was not for many perhaps, by those who prepared the note,

Russia, England, France and Italy. Servian journals declare that Servia's cause was betrayed through treason to the Serb cause of M. Isvolsky; that while the recognition by Russia of the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina was certainly a great misfortune for Servia, it conzens was held Saturday last for the pur- stituted a shame and disgrace for Russia, and this accusation by the Servian Russia without distinction of party. The Russian press attack the Russian minister

conversing with our business men we ally conveyed by Emperor William himhave found quite a number of large prop-erty holders, who are deeply interested in although chief of the opposition party in the prosperity of our city, who were de- the cabinet, sustained M. Isvolsky's policy cidedly opposed to the measure when it at a cabinet meeting, in which the recogwas agitated a few years ago, whose nition of the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina by Austria was decided.

> It is worthy of remark that at this cabinet meeting the question of reorganization of the army and navy was discussed, and Enlarging

> it was then and there dethe Army. cided that the army should be placed upon a formidable footing, and that a great loan should be contracted at the first favorable moment, large sums being immediately necessary for the rearmament of the infantry, whose guns were unfit.

The French press likewise is angered over the action of Russia and the consequent check to the policy pursued by the new triple alliance-a policy which mainas far as the hotels were tained that the treaty of Berlin could not poleon. It is this certainty which comsignatory powers, which had loyally ranged themselves behind Russia. A later dispatch from St. Petersburg (30th ultimo) announced that the duma voted the budget of the ministry of marine, including \$2,242,500 for urgent improvements in the Baltic fleet. M. Zvegintseff, reporter of the budget, characterized the state of the Russian navy as ieplorable and demanded a revision of the admiralty. The new minister of marine, Admiral Volvodsky, replying, expressed

his intention of promptly introducing the necessary reforms. The shock of Russia's concession and the defeat of the anti-German alliance was the immediate cause of an interpellation in the house of commons on the 29th ultimo by Mr. Balfour, who accused the tria? cabinet of incompetence, and offered the following resolution:

"In the opinion of this chamber the policy of her majesty's government as to the ironclad ships of the latest model to antee sufficiently the security of the em-In view of the present political situation many more would come hither to spend and the onus of defeat in the Balkans, of which England, France and Italy must

there was full attendance of the diplo-

matic corps in anticipation of a party conaffairs, replying to the resolution offered The Oriental the symptom of an eventby Mr. Balfour, said, in part, that he did not wish to lessen the gravity of the situation; he recognized the existence of a new state of things, for when Germany should have completed her naval program ders to Austria, now at the price of she will have a fleet of thirty-three great risk, will result in a few years that Dreadnoughts, and her marine will be the most powerful ever seen in the world. "On this account there was necessity of to a foreign war under a military dicmaintaining a fleet of superior power. tator. The divergence of views hangs upon the period of its construction. We know that assumes that the triumph of Austria-

amelioration in England's relations with

Edward's could provoke a conflict. One would be an attempt on England's part to isolate Germany, and the other. the initiative of a great continental power to dominate the policy of others.

Between these two questions of isolanew. Yesterday it was tried and found tion and domination there exists a vast to conclude that the Balkan crisis has I hope that these good men and true

CASTRO'S RETURN.

Senor Castro's heroic determination to present his services to his country even at the cost of a revolution will not overwhelm a patient world with surprise. Castro may be asked to make a full

pour a little oil of vitriol on the troubled

ing him to Venezuela. Providence must

quarantine against Castro the government We reckon that Sereno Payne will have must be weak indeed. From the Council Bluffs Nonpareil. It is natural that the thrifty Castro

If the Payne tax on stockings doesn't From the Newark News. arouse the women of America to a point | Still, it is entirely evident to the most

this question of naval armament resulted in a complete affirmation of government policy as avowed by Sir Edward Grey, In the reichstag Chancellor von Buelow on the 29th ultimo delivered a speech

on the relations of Ger-

many with other powers.

trial six months sooner-that is to say,

that, following a German usage, they

would be ready for service. Sir Edward

did not think it necessary to order more

than four ships for the moment, for the

changes in the German models would

The secretary of foreign affairs con-

notwithstanding the importance of her

sacrifices England would continue the

A vote of confidence in government on

Relations. After allusion to the recent visit of King Edward and the excellent relations suggestion of the powers, and it so stated, that exist between Germany and England, the chancellor endeavored to show the absurdity of political fanatics sequently it was officially declared that who insisted that there was animosity between the two peoples. England was the best of Germany's clients. With her colonies she absorbs the fifth of German exportations, and within the last ten years Germany has bought 9 per cent of her products, while the United States takes only 7 per cent and France 5 per cent. After reference to the excellent effect produced by the Franco-German accord relative to Morocco, Prince Von Buelow said that the great European powers were now in complete accord on the subject of the Balkans; that Germany had sustained Austria in that matter, and the

weight of these two powers acting together has been immense. The London Times, discussing these incidents, expresses itself in the following terms, which may be taken as the Silesia down to the time of Frederick William III, who never ceased to give to Napoleon's ambassador the assurances of his unalterable fidelity, and to the time when Bismarck demanded of Roon if all were ready, and he mutilated the dispatch from Ems, the triumphant course of her history has been marked by a series of surprises. Prussia has always seized her enemies while asleep, and she made this confession last year when she surprised the admiralty and the British government."

M. Frederic Harrison, the distincommittee, writing on the same subject in the London Times, says: Positivist. and maritime ascendency are lenged it will be by such an invasion in force as was once de- The townsfolk flock to see him pass signed by Philip II, and again by Na- To see the daily fiver as upon its way it thusbe modified without the consent of the pels me to modify the anti-militarist policy which I have consistently main- And each one in his turn explains the benefit tained for forty years past. The conditions are now changed; new risks involve fresh precautions. The mechanical as well as the political circumstances are quite different from what they were in the days of Wellington or even of Palmerston and Gladstone. To me now it is no question of the shrinkage of the empire: it is our existence as a foremost European power. "To talk of friendly relations with Germany and the domestic virtues of the Fatherland is childish. Who in 1869 knew that Prussia was to be the dominant power in Europe? Who in 1864 imagined that she was to defeat Aus-Who in 1868 foresaw that in tria? Who in 1868 foresaw that in two years she would be in Paris? Who in 1888 dreamed that she would be our Hyena-like, or rumble loud and deep rival at sea?

"And what impelled the cultured realm of the Hohenzollerns to break out in 'blod and iron' to smash Denmark, to humiliate Austria to Smash Denmark, to Like hippos do, or the rhinoceros. humiliate Austria, to overwhelm France, to defy England on the sea? What was the motive or the cause? What but the thirst of national glory?"

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Elsewhere with reference to the Austro-German conflict, Mr. Harrison says: "This oriental crisis is ual reunion of all the peoples of the German language. The services that Germany renone hundred million Germans will be led

The European as well as American press it should be done, but we do not know Hungary and Germany over Europe in the Balkans is not only the death of Slav ambitions, but a rude lesson to the pre-* *

Sir Edward added that there was great intervened. It may be answered that there intervened intervened. It may be answered that there are 100,000,000 Slavs in Europe with whom I'm install the function of the new triple alliance that there are should be lessened (winks)—

The tariff should be lessened (winks) are 100,000,000 Slavs in Europe with whom Austria-Hungary and Germany must visit to Berlin. There twelfth century, when she began the struggle for liberty and independence.

The politicians' artful wiles Should be disclosed, good people (smiles)—Reduce the tariff, that's my view were two points which struggle for liberty and independence. Russia and England have already responded to the Austro-German challenge to the new triple alliance-Russia which proceeds to arm and place her army and navy on a war footing: England, which holds public meetings in support of a greater navy. In view of such conditions it is folly

CRAZY SNAKE.

From the New York Evening Post.

Crazy Snake will plead emotional in-From the Birmingham News. Crazy Snake is probably convinced by this time that the serpentine dance he has been trying to pull off is not a paying venture.

From the Butte News. Crazy Snake, the insurgent Indian, merits credit for the picturesqueness of his name if for nothing else. From the Toledo Blade.

Crazy Snake, it would seem, is contrary to the Oklahoma constitution. From the Detroit Times. Fashion note: War whoops are in again in Oklahoma

From the Detroit Journal. With negroes, cowboys, Indians and hundreds of shots fired. Oklahoma is having a free wild west show and no casualties in the grandstand. From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Oklahoma ought to call out the patrol wagon. From the Columbus Journal. The Indian uprising will please be seated.

From the Columbia State. In this Creek outbreak in Oklahoma the hardest fighting has been done by the newspaper correspondents.

where there aren't any snakes.

HOBOKEN.

Think of it, children, in future time, When they tell of his daring in prose rhyme;
The slayer of beasts in the jungles wild,
Think of his sailing, my child, my childFrom Hoboken!

In the jungle depths and the desert heat, And many a rara avis shoot not be inferior. If he were asked what To put on the shelves of the instituot-

From Hoboken Think of it-heralded far and wide tendency to diminish, while England This fearless hunter of elephant's hide, Starting his journey, with smiling face, From such a ridiculous starting place-

> Annals of herohood, how will it be At the end of the sixteenth century To read in the chapters of fame and fear:
> "He started, with many a parting tear,
> From Hoboken"?

What will the glascutus say And the white rhinoceros killed at play-Think of a hunter who started out the great Dark Continent's jungle rout From Hoboken?

Pittsburg Gazette-Times. A SERENADER.

"I love you," sang an ardent swain, "Far more than words can say." bulldog came upon the scene The young man sneaked away. Although 'twas true he loved the maid— No Romeo could beat him— He didn't love her quite enough To let that buildeg cat him.

Birmingham Age-Herald.

NOT NOW, BUT SOON.

Soon will ye little busy bee, Ye little boney bringer, Improve each shining bour in glee By using of his stinger.

Boston Herald.

THE PERPLEXED ROMEO.

I sometimes wonder how 'twould be
If I were You and You were I—
Would you be what You seem to Me?
As Me, would You both smile and sigh
O'er willful wiles that you would see

If I were You and You were 1? Suppose, again, that as to dress
I were appareled, say, as You.
And You were sans each golden tress
And garbed as Me from hat to shoe—
Ab, then would You your love confess
If You were I and I were You?

It truly is a solemn thought This problem as to You and Me.
Would You My heart and hand have sought
Or looked for whom else You might see?
It is with weighting worries traught,

What if You had been Me! 'Twere queen (Or is it "If You had been I?") Would you have hoped an age-long year?
Would You have thrilled when I came nigh? Would You, as I do, wonder here About "What if You had been I?" If You were I, who would be who?

If I were You, which would be which? This pondering I of pursue

Of Me and You and You and Me!

But always bring up with this hitch: I being You, You being I, If You were I, which would be which? If You were I, and I were You-It can't be so, but then it might—
Would You have come this way to woo
Or called elsewhere each Sunday night?
Or, worse than all, each of we two

HUNCH FOR CARNEGIE.

Might be some other person quite!
—Chicago Evening Post.

His buildings reached Up near the sky. And he was laying money up
To beat the very dickens!
But now he's broke, and down and out,
He went to raising chickens. SOME WESTON THOUGHTS. He walks and walks and walks and walks and

Wide and high,

walks and walks forever; He lives to walk and loves to walk and see guished president of the positivist He hits the pace at starting points so many steps a minute; He spies a town upon the route-next moment he is in it: He's death on records, death on shoes, and death on those who race him; "Whenever our empire He overtakes and passes soon those who try to pace him. He serves for comment in the club, for constant

ders, And all recount what they have heard of other of walking-Yet sits about in dead content and takes it out in talking!

-Buffalo Express NOT THE COLD KIND.

The frosting on the window pane
May pretty pictures make,
But though they're the I'll choose for mine
The frosting on the cake, -Kansas City Times.

If I could moo, or bellow like a calf.

THE HUMAN LIMITATIONS.

or that I might, as does the Danish bound, Ah, then, indeed, would life be less a hoax In this old world. What joy I then would get From tearing round and terrifying folks Who grate on me-insurance men at cat grate on me-insurance men et cet.

But pity 'tis! 'Gainst all the ill that blows Our humble way to harrow up our days— 'Gainst all the bores and kindred daily woes, We have—alas!—but one small voice to raise. —Buffalo News.

THEN AND NOW. A prince espoused a beggar maid In days when princes were supreme, for which his fame will never fade. His love is every poet's theme. Yet we should cease the deed to praise For things have altered strangely since; This is the vision now-a-days:

"A maiden weds a beggar prince." — Detroit Journal.

A TARIFF MONOLOGUE. (Aside: You know, I'm just in fun).

(Turns pale-what if those fellows DO!) The schedule now has many a flaw That should be fixed (haw-haw-haw-haw); The cost of living is too high-My country (winks), for you I sigh! I hope they get the pruning hook, And at each item closely look; Then chop for this great nation's good

(Gasps twice-Great Scott, what If they should?)

BUTTER.

Lard may be weak and cheese be flat And eggs go for a song-But the man who deals in butter laughs, ut the man who used trong.

For butter's always strong.

Boston Courier

JUST PRETENDING.

Do you remember when but a lad The innocent fun, unending,
We used to find in the good old game
We knew as "Just pretending?"
The folks we mimicked, high and low,
The "airs" our roles befriending? Ah! life is much the same old gan The game of "Just pretending!"

We act our parts with studied grace And stiffness most unbending; We frown and smile but, after all. We know we're "just pretendi We ape our betters, copy traits, Our plainer manners mending: But when hight comes we smile, for, le! We know it's "just pretending!"

We act as if some richer blood
Within our veins went wending.
Than that which runs in common clay—
But, pshaw! we're "just pretending!"
And when, at last, we reach the close—
That hour life's treasons ending—
We laugh to think the game is done,
That game of "Just pretending!"
—Philadelphia Star.

HEROES.

Jack Binns may be a here, but how about Who wrestles with the freight that's in the moving van?